



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Planning Update #4 Wind Power Guidelines

Between April 2008 and February 2009, the WDFW Wind Power Guidelines update was conducted. The process included stakeholder, subcommittee and drafting team meetings throughout Washington and via telephone conferences that ultimately resulted in the 2009 WDFW Wind Power Guidelines (WPG).

The 2009 WPG have been developed using the 2003 guidelines as a base document. The 2009 WPG includes information on Washington State ecoregions and habitat types throughout the state and provides a quick reference mitigation table for habitat impacts.

Much of the information related to the State ecoregions is directly related to the conservation strategies in Washington's *Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy (CWCS)* (WDFW 2005) and habitat characteristics defined in *Wildlife-Habitat Relationships in Oregon and Washington (WHROW)* (Johnson and O'Neil 2001).

The final *draft* 2009 WDFW Wind Power Guidelines were recently unveiled at the American Wind Energy Association meeting in Seattle, WA on February 24th and 25th. The document is currently under State Environmental Policy

Act (SEPA) review. Comment deadline is March 30, 2009.

WDFW has greatly appreciated the participation of several partners in developing the 2009 WPG. Without participation from the stakeholders, the document would not have the continued strong support of both the wind industry and the conservation community of natural resources in Washington State.

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